

REMARKS

Claims 1-7 are pending and under consideration. Further to the discussion with the Examiner on June 13, the Examiner found that the application was in condition for allowance, but required a Terminal Disclaimer for the following applications or patents:

1. U.S. Patent Application No. 10/705,875, now U.S. Patent No. 7,099,566;
2. U.S. Patent Application No. 10/704,716;
3. U.S. Patent Application No. 11/281,585;
4. U.S. Patent Application No. 09/339,190, which issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,757,476;
5. U.S. Patent No. 6,804,456;
6. U.S. Patent No. 6,757,480;
7. U.S. Patent No. 6,795,637;
8. U.S. Patent No. 6,778,755;
9. U.S. Patent No. 6,771,890;
10. U.S. Patent No. 6,728,474;
11. U.S. Patent No. 6,721,493; and
12. U.S. Patent No. 6,674,957.

In view of the enclosed Terminal Disclaimer and without admission as to the obviousness of the claims, it is respectfully submitted that the Examiner's concerns have been addressed.

CONCLUSION:

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

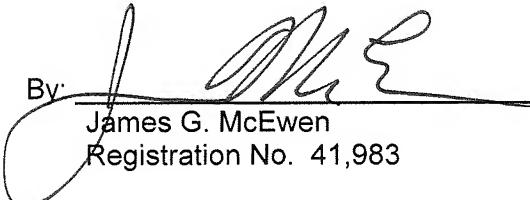
Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 503333.

Respectfully submitted,

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